

Principal Report

September Meeting 2018

Enrollment

Enrollment is currently at 353 for the first 6 weeks of the school year. We anticipate adding several more scholars in the next two weeks as we have had several tours and an open house this month. There is a scholar break down attached. (See attachment A)

CCRPI Numbers: CCRPI numbers will be ready in October or November of this year. Following the data arrival we will need to create our presentation for the January SCSC meeting and Charter Review process.

School Improvements for 2018-2019

1. Teacher related training:

Model School Team: A new creed was developed for the school by the Model Schools team. A document was circulated to the entire staff for input /review /voting. From this data a final copy of the new school creed was shared and a final vote was created. The staff adopted a new creed which we began utilizing in classrooms last month. The new creed fits the classroom management systems and the Positive Behavior Discipline model (Give me 5) that the school adopted last year.

Kagan Classroom Management: Training for all new staff members was completed. The goal is to have all of the staff trained in KAGAN levels 1, 2 and three and establish this as one of our innovative practices for the next charter.

Orton-Gillingham: Reading process for kinder , 1st grade and 2nd grade has been established. We will be initiating the reading process with all elementary school staff members. The new kindergarten teacher is signed up for her training. Both 3rd grade teachers will be attending training in October.

2. School Upgrades:

The athletic department has added exercise stations to the south field. As the gym classes get proper training on the equipment, the scholars will be allowed to utilize the equipment more and more.

Asbestos Inspection: The DNR searched our records and discovered that there is no asbestos in the main building to inspect. However, they could not confirm that the portables met the same standard. I am looking into exactly what that means. More data to follow.

Student Outcomes

APTT Night: K-3 and 4th – 5th grades had an Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) 85% participation

Knife in School: A 6th grader was found to have a knife in his possession. Parents were called and scholar was suspended. The young man found the knife in his neighborhood and has been carrying it around for several days prior to bringing it to school.

State Charter School Commission

The annual site visit will be September 25th 2018 at 12:00.

Parent Complaint: A parent complained to the Commission regarding privacy issues. Mother stated Health Insurance portability and accountability Act (HIPAA) was violated. Commission investigated and found no substance to the allegation. The parent was directed to make a formal complaint to the school board if she had any evidence to support her claim.

AdvancEd : May 1st 2019 site meeting and review. I will be attending the Annual AdvancEd Conference to gather specifics on the renewal process.

Charter Obligations (June numbers)

During the monthly meeting of the State Charter School Commission (SCSC) the state charter schools were listed on a performance matrix. Our current numbers are within acceptable ranges in our financial measurements:

Current assets divided by current liabilities	7.43	Exceeds Standard
Unrestricted Cash	160.75 days	Exceeds Standard
Efficiency Margin	56%	Exceeds Standard
Debt to asset ratio	26%	Meets Standards

New Charter Application Process

A new and more automated system for charter application has gone live at the SCSC.

Odyssey Charter School will need to reapply for a New Charter. The current contract expires in June of 2019. The data supplied from the SCSC Performance Framework will supply the data critical to the outcome of this meeting. Data from 2018 testing will be reviewed and considered for the renewal. Review and determinations will occur in January of 2019. The SCSC will post their renewal decisions in February of 2019. The board will need to review the current status of the school and the current contract for updates and changes. Establishing a new innovative practice and more current descriptions

will be needed prior to the January meeting. Samples of successful charters are available to the board. The process for renewal and the calendar will be available at the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Last year's calendar was shared at a previous board meeting. We have attached a printed copy of the Renewal Guide for your review.

Safety in the Schools

Real Fire Drill: A bad smoke sense set off a real fire alarm this month. The fire department came, created the building and declared it safe for student return. The alarm company came and inspected the system. The failure was corrected.

Weather Drill; We ran our first weather drill this month to prepare for the Hurricane season. All scholars followed directions well and all new teachers performed well.

Lock Down Drill- The lock-down process was discussed with the entire staff this week. An outline is attached. We will run our first lock-down drill next week.

Inventory System (Documents)

33 boxes will be shredded on Wednesday. 25 boxes of current materials will be placed in pallet racking and labeled for rotation and shredding when appropriate. The guideline for document retention is in the operations manual.

Building Use

Girl Scouts: Local Girl Scout troop utilizes the building on Sundays at 6pm

Charlie Group: A local acting school utilized the sixth grade classroom to shoot video One Act movies for the students' portfolio. Local child actors take lessons in Atlanta and need classroom/school video clips for their portfolio and resume. This may or may not re-occur.